

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 3 with the following amended paragraph:

This application is a continuation of and claims priority to U.S. Application Serial No. 09/794,320, filed on February 27, 2001, (now abandoned) which is a continuation-in-part of and claims priority to U.S. Application Serial No. 09/498,306, filed on February 4, 2000, (now abandoned), and PCT Application Serial No. PCT/US01/03781, filed on February 5, 2001.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 3 with the following amended paragraph:

The resuscitation control box has printed instructions 32 on its front face listing the basic steps A, B, and C for resuscitating a patient and giving basic instructions for positioning the defibrillation electrode pad on the patient. A speaker [[32]] orally prompts the user to perform various steps, as is described in detail below.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 7 with the following amended paragraph:

Referring again to FIG. 4, defibrillation electrode pad 10 includes an extension piece that is placed directly over the location on the patient's body where the rescuer performs chest compressions. This extension piece includes substrate 36, and a semi-rigid plastic supporting member 58 laminated underneath substrate 36 that covers the chest compression area. Semi-rigid supporting member 58 provides somewhat less rigidity than rigid plastic piece [[409]] 40 provided at the location of buttons A, B, C, and PAUSE (illustrated in FIG. 3).

Please delete previous abstract at page 20 and add the following new abstract:

A resuscitation system that includes at least two defibrillation electrodes configured to be applied to the exterior of the chest of a patient for delivering a defibrillation shock, a source of one or more ECG signals from the patient, a defibrillation circuit for delivering a defibrillation shock to the defibrillation electrodes, a control box that receives and processes the ECG signals to determine whether a defibrillation shock should be delivered or whether CPR should be performed, and that issues instructions to the user either to deliver a defibrillation shock or to perform CPR, wherein the determination of whether CPR should be performed and the instructions to perform CPR can occur at substantially any point during a rescue.